

Serial No.: 10/048,197

Group Art Unit: 1645

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 28, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 39, 40-42, 45-49, without prejudice or disclaimer, as being drawn to the non-elected invention.

The pending claims are attached in Appendix A.

REMARKS

Claims 27-49 were pending. Claims 27-49 were subject to a seven (7) way Restriction Requirement. Claims 28, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 39, 40-42, 45-49 have been cancelled without prejudice as being drawn to the non-elected invention.

Election/Restriction ✓

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (claims 27, 29, 32, 34, 35, 38, and 43-44), without traverse. While the election of Group I is without traverse, Applicants reserve the right to traverse restriction requirements between the other asserted claim groups.

FEE DEFICIENCY

☒ If an extension of time is deemed required for consideration of this paper, please consider this paper to comprise a petition for such an extension of time; The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for any such extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.

and/or

☒ If any additional fee is required for consideration of this paper, please charge Account No. 50-0258.